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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **David A. Nicholas et al**

Examiner: **To Be Determined**

Group Art Unit: **To Be Determined**

Serial No: **To Be Determined**

Filed: **Concurrently Herewith**

For: **ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS**

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents
Box PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [] design patent application in this case including:

1. [X] This application is a [X] Continuation; [] Divisional [] Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/417,535 filed on 10/14/99 which is a Continuation of 09/096,380 filed on 6/11/98 which is a Continuation of 08/777,115 filed on 12/30/96 (Patent No. 5,782,859) which is a File Wrapper Continuation of 08,360,015 filed on 12/20/94 which is a Continuation of 925496 filed on 09/4/92 which is a Continuation In Part of 07/834,687 filed on 02/12/92 (Patent No. 5,383,888).
2. [X] This application is a continuation of prior application No. 09/417,535 filed on 10/14/99. Prior application information: Examiner: H. Trinh; Group/Art: 2814
3. [X] The application consists of 43 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. [X] 20 sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. The drawings are:
 - a. [] formal; or
 - b. [X] informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. [X] A **copy** of the signed declaration and power of attorney from the prior application is enclosed. The inventor(s) is/are: David A. Nicholas, Ernie Aranyi, Boris Zvenyatsky, Paul A. Matula, Stanley H. Remiszewski, David T. Green, Henry Bolanos. (6 pages)
6. [] A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventor(s). A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.
7. [X] A **copy** of the Assignment of the invention to United States Surgical Corporation from the Prior Case is enclosed.

8. [X] Please cancel claims 2-45 as originally filed before calculating the filing fee.

9. [X] The Application filing fee is calculated below.

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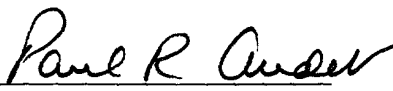
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10. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550.
11. [X] Enclosed is a copy of a petition for a three (3) month extension of time, the original of which is being filed concurrently herewith re prior application Serial No. 09/417,535 (filed on 10/14/99).

Respectfully submitted,

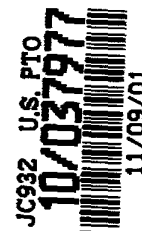
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- ☒ Application Transmittal Letter (2 pages)
- ☒ Application (43 pages including specification, claims and abstract)
- ☒ 20 sheets of drawings (informal).
- ☒ A copy of the signed declaration and power of attorney from the prior application.
(6 pages)
- ☒ A copy of the recorded Assignment of the Invention to United States Surgical from
the prior application. (4 pages)
- ☒ Associate Power of Attorney (1 page)
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